

Colorado Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation



2014 JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION STATISTICAL REPORT
Pursuant to §13-5.5-103(1)(q), C.R.S. (2013)

Of the 160 eligible judicial officers, 146 decided to stand for retention in 2014. (See Table A for a breakdown by judge type.) State and District Commissions performed a total of 148 judicial performance evaluations, of which two judicial officers decided not to stand for retention after being evaluated.

State and District Commissions recommended 142 of 146 (97.3%) judicial officers be retained in office. Of the remaining four, District Commissions recommended three judges not be retained, while another District Commission offered “no opinion” on one judge.

Table A			
Justices and Judges Standing for Retention in 2014			
Judge Type	Regular	Provisional*	Total
Supreme Court	0	2	2
Court of Appeals	1	1	2
District Court	34	30	64
County Court	53	25	78
Grand Total	88	58	146

*Judges serving provisional terms were appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy.

RETENTION ELECTION RESULTS

Colorado voters decided to retain 145 (99.3%) of the judicial officers standing for retention in 2014, including three of the four judges receiving a non-affirmative recommendation.

Dating back to the first retention election with commission input held in 1990, 1,323 judicial officers have stood for retention in 13 election cycles. During this time, Commissions recommended to retain 1,290 judicial officers (97.5%), while recommending 20 (1.5%) not be retained. Commissions offered no opinion on 13 judicial officers (1%) during this period.

Colorado voters elected to retain 1,312 of the 1,323 (99.2%) judicial officers standing for retention since 1990. As shown in Table B, Colorado voters retained 99.7% of the judges receiving retain recommendations, 65% of those receiving do not retain recommendations, and retained all judicial officers where commissions offered no opinion.

Table B					
Commission Recommendations and Election Results: 1990 - 2014					
Commission Recommendation	Total # of Recommendations	Election Results			
		Total Retained	Retained %	Total Not Retained	Not Retained %
To Retain	1,290	1,286	99.7%	4	0.3%
Do Not Retain	20	13	65.0%	7	35.0%
No Opinion	13	13	100.0%	0	0.0%
TOTALS	1,323	1,312	99.2%	11	0.8%